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## 30th Anniversary of the European Group of Public Law (EGPL)

**The European Group of Public Law (EGPL) celebrated its 30th Anniversary at the Archaeological Site of the Roman Agora of Athens.**

The official celebration of the 30th anniversary of the founding of the European Public Law Group (EGPL) of the EPLO took place on **Saturday, September 14, 2019 at 8:00 pm** at the Archaeological Site of the Roman Agora in Athens, under the auspices of H. E. The President of the Hellenic Republic, Mr. Prokopios Pavlopoulos, who was also the keynote speaker at the event.

The President of the Hellenic Republic Mr. Prokopios Pavlopoulos praised the contribution of the European Public Law Organization in the context of European Unification and its contribution to achieving the goal of European integration.

President Pavlopoulos mentioned, among other things "The global role of the European Union is that - based on its History, its Culture and the conditions of birth of the vision that leads the steps of its unification - it has to evolve into the force that will defend existential, for the Mankind, principles and values. These are the principles and values of Peace, Democracy – specifically of Representative Democracy - and of Fundamental Human Rights, principally of the Rights which are inextricably linked to the concept of Justice, and in particular Social Justice. (...) a strong Unified Europe, capable of fulfilling its global role, requires the necessary institutional and political cohesion of the entirety of the European Edifice, which can only be guaranteed by definitive European Unification».

At the same time he stressed "(...) Without the necessary cohesion and with the perspective of its unification being doubtful - as it, unfortunately, is today - it is clear that the European Union cannot inspire the prestige which, even until its recent past, made it "attractive" for the states of the Old Continent to "struggle", literally, to adhere to it ".

Important personalities attended this event, members of the political, judicial, diplomatic and religious community honored the EPLO with their presence. Welcome addresses were provided by: the Minister of Justice, Mr. K. Tsiaras, representing the Greek Government, the Regional Governor of Attica, Mr. George Patoulis, who referred to the valuable aid of the Scientific Group in the constant struggle for the reforms needed to modernize local government, the Mayor of Athens Mr. Kostas Bakoyannis and Prof. Sabino Cassese, President of the Scientific Council (EGPL) of the EPLO.

The event was attended by: Mr. Patroklos Georgiadis, Secretary General for Migration Policy, Mr. Leonidas Christopoulos, Secretary General for Digital Governance and Process Simplification, Mr N. Kanellopoulos, Representing the opposition party of Kinima Allagis, the Member of the European Parliament Mr Stelios Kymbouropoulos, Mr. Angelos Syrigos, Member of the Hellenic Parliament and the Mayor of Ancient Olympia Efthymios Kotzas, and the President of the Scientific Council of the Hellenic Parliament Professor Kostas Mavrias.

On the part of the judiciary, the event was attended by: Mr. Tsalaganidis Joseph, President of the Supreme Court of Greece, Mr. Pliotas Vasilios, Public Prosecutor of the Supreme Court of Greece, Mr. Michael

Pikramenos, Vice President of the Council of State, Mr. Rados Athanasios, Vice-President of the Council of State, Mr. Skaltsounis Dimitrios, Vice-President of the Council of State.

On the diplomatic side, Ambassadors and representatives from the Embassies of Cyprus, Portugal, Italy, Russia, Algeria, Iran, Chile, Nigeria, Thailand, the ambassador in honor Mr. M. Xiskakis, the Ambassador and Director General of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of Cyprus Mr. A. Zenon, Mr. I. Papameletiou, Ambassador, Director of the Diplomatic Academy, Mr. Emmanuel Apostolakis, Director, MFA.

From the clerical side the EPLO was honored with the presence of Archimandrite Nektarios Karsiotis and Mr. A. Syngros, representing Archimandrite Dr. Nicodemus Farmakis.

Mr. A. Pottakis, Ombudsman of Greece was also present at the event.

The event was concluded with a piano recital with the distinguished composer Mr. George Andreou and the singer Mr. Korina Legaki.

The event was kindly supported by the Athenian Brewery and Aggelakis poultry products.